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SUBJ: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: MID-YEAR REVIEW

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
RUSSELL E. TRAIN TO ACADEMICIAN FEDOROV AND DR. IZRAEL
(BUSTERUD-TO-KOLBASOV LETTER FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL REGARDING
BUSTERUD'S SUBSTITUTING FOR TRAIN IN MID-YEAR REVIEW):

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR ACADEMICIAN FEDOROV AND DR. IZRAEL:
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER CONCERNING A PROGRAM
FOR MY PROPOSED VISIT TO THE USSR IN THE SPRING TO CONDUCT
OUR MID-YEAR REVIEW. YOU WILL REMEMBER, DR. FEDOROV, THAT
WHEN WE DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE VISIT DURING OUR TALKS LAST
NOVEMBER, I TOLD YOU THAT I WANTED VERY MUCH TO COME, BUT
THAT MY SCHEDULE MIGHT PREVENT IT. DESPITE MY BEST EFFORTS,
MY SCHEDULE HAS WON THE BATTLE, AND I HAVE CONCLUDED WITH
GREAT RELUCTANCE THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO COME THIS SPRING.

3. IF YOU ARE AGREEABLE, I WILL PLAN FOR
MR. JOHN A. BUSTERUD, MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL
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QUALITY, TO REPRESENT ME AND TO CONDUCT THE MID-YEAR REVIEW

OF PROGRESS UNDER THE AGREEMENT WITH YOU. AS YOU KNWW, MR. BUSTERUD IS CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGAL PROJECT (AREA XI), AND HAD PLANNED TO LEAD A US DELEGATION TO MOSCOW MAY 12-26. MR. BUSTERUD CAN TAKE TIME OFF DURING THIS PERIOD FOR THE REVIEW, OR IF YOU WISH HE CAN COME TO MOSCOW EARLY AND MEET WITH YOU ON MAY 10. HE IS WRITING TO DR. KOLBASOV ABOUT THIS, SO PERHAPS YOU CAN CONSULT WITH DR. KOLBASOV AND LET MR. BUSTERUD KNOW THE SCHEDULE YOU PROPOSE.

4. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE MY REGRET AT NOT BEING ABLE TO COME MYSELF, AND PARTICULARLY MY REGRET AT MISSING THE EXCELLENT PROGRAM IN CENTRAL ASIA WHICH YOU PROPOSE. I SHALL OF COURSE LOOK FORWARD TO COMING TO THE USSR IN DECEMBER, AND HOPE WE CAN STILL MAKE SOME OF THE VISITS YOU HAVE MENTIONED. WITH VERY BEST REGARDS, RUSSELL E. TRAIN. END TEXT. RUSH

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